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1. DEPARTMENT NOTES MARCOS STATEMENT IN ADDRESS TO WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW CONFERENCE QUOTED IN PARA 8 REFTEL TO EFFECT THAT GOP "HAS NOT, DOES NOT, AND WILL NOT TOLERATE THE TORTURE OR MALTREATMENT OF PRISONERS WHATEVER CHARGES THEY MAY FACE."

2. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION AUGUST 23 (BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL), OAKLEY INFORMED AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ THAT WHILE CITIZENS OF EITHER COUNTRY MAY HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT OUTCOME OF INDIVIDUAL JUDICIAL CASES (E.G., FILIPINOS WITH REGARD TO CONVICTION OF FILIPINA NURSES IN DETROIT AND AMERICANS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGARD TO ACQUITTAL OF ACCUSED TORTURER OF MRS. HERRERA), WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT THERE BE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS. OBSERVERS OF THE PHILIPPINE SCENE, OAKLEY CONTINUED, WILL WISH TO BE REASSURED THAT GOP DOES NOT CONDONE AND HAS IN FACT PUT AN END TO PREVIOUS PATTERN OF TORTURE OF PRISONERS. DESPITE OUTCOME OF HERRERA COURT MARTIAL, USG TRUSTS THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS' STATEMENTS

AGAINST TORTURE WILL BE GIVEN FULL EFFECT AND GOP WILL MOVE

VIGOROUSLY AND EFFECTIVELY IN FUTURE AGAINST ANYONE
ACCUSED OF INDULGING IN TORTURE. ROMUALDEZ REITERATED
STANDARD THEME THAT GOP DOES NOT CONDONE TORTURE AND WILL
CONTINUE TO ACT DECISIVELY AGAINST ANY GOP OFFICIAL OR
OFFICER ACCUSED OF INDULGING IN SAME.
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